



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. Author and illustrator Nicholas Solis says that it's important that we "give something a try" and not to expect it to be perfect at our first attempt. Trying things can be messy, but you learn from it, and the more you try, the easier it gets. Ask kids to write about something new they've tried or they'd like to try to do.
2. Teen author Olivia Amiri talks about all the choices we are presented with every day, such as what to have for breakfast and what to wear to school. Ask kids if they have many choices to make in a day. Have them write about some of the decisions they make and what they like or dislike about this responsibility.
3. Children's author Rob Buyea says that being a wrestler taught him commitment and to set goals. Discuss with students why it's important to make goals for themselves, and ask them to write about some of their own goals, something they've accomplished and something they are working toward.
4. In *The Braggin' Dragon*, the dragon has no friends after bragging to them that he is the best at everything. The lesson of the story is that to have a friend, you must first be a friend. Ask students to write if they agree with this idea and to give some examples of the ways that they've made friends.
5. Children's author and meteorologist Dylan Dreyer wrote the *Misty the Cloud* series to teach kids not only weather concepts, but also ways to deal with their emotions. She thinks both topics can be complicated. Ask students to write about an emotional situation they were in and if they were able to deal with their emotions.

True or False

1. “Ubuntu” is a south African idea that everyone is connected no matter where they are from or what they look like. (True or False)
 2. *Fast Pitch* is a story about a basketball team of all African American girls and the power of friendship. (True or False)
 3. In *Story Monsters Among Us*, readers are taught about various cultures and the art of storytelling. (True or False)
 4. *Chipper Makes Kindness* is a story that teaches kids about the different kinds of chips you can make. (True or False)
 5. The lesson in *Nerdycorn* is to try things that others like and you might realize you have more in common with them than you think. (True or False)
 6. The book *Awesome Chesapeake* tells readers about this Bay, which is located in Montana and Wyoming. (True or False)
 7. *African Icons* features ten important and influential Africans, along with illustrations of different landscapes of the African continent. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blank

1. In *Moose’s Book Bus*, Moose creates a _____ library so his friends can borrow books and he can teach them to read.
2. Author/illustrator Jan Brett wants kids to go outdoors, to look at trees, and then to _____ what they see.
3. In the story *Lila Lou’s Little Library*, the main character’s favorite thing to do is to _____.
4. In the story, *Dachshund Through the Snow*, the little dog’s name is _____.
5. In *Dakota Crumb: Tiny Treasure Hunter*, the main character is a little _____ with a genius for collecting.
6. In *Winston the Traveling Dog*, the main character Winston goes to London, Italy, and _____.
7. *Fall Is Not Easy* is a story about a _____ that turns into all kinds of colors and designs.

ANSWERS

True/False:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True

Fill in the Blanks:

1. mobile
 2. draw
 3. read
 4. Crosby
 5. mouse
 6. Paris
 7. tree
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